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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-11 (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for producing open-knit fabric with machines for knitting articles provided with a plurality of needles, said open-knit fabric comprising holes, the method consisting in: ~~producing in succession~~ actuating said plurality of needles for forming, in succession, rows of knitting by way of the plurality of needles of the machine that is used, and, in order to obtain a hole in said open-knit fabric: ~~in performing openwork constituted by holes, each of which is provided by way of a group of needles in which a first needle, after taking part in a formation of a first row of knitting, is freed from a loop of said first row of knitting by~~

after having formed a first row of knitting, transferring a loop of the first row of knitting formed by a first needle ~~said loop~~ to a second needle that is contiguous to said first needle, so as to free said first needle from said loop.

in a formation of a second row of knitting adjacent to said first row of knitting, excluding said first needle from knitting in order to form a float loop at said first needle,

after having formed the second row of knitting, transferring the loop that is formed by said second needle and belongs to said second row of knitting to a third needle that is contiguous to said second needle, so as to free said second needle as well,

actuating said first needle and said second needle being actuated so as to resume knitting, and in forming a so as to resume knitting and forming new loops of a third ~~second-row of knitting that is subsequent to said first second row.~~

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 13, ~~comprising during said actuation step,~~ wherein when said first needle is actuated to resume knitting after transfer of the loop, ~~actuation of the first needle~~ is actuated so as to form at least one tuck stitch.

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16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 14, comprising ~~exclusion of said first needle, in the formation of at least one second row of knitting that directly follows said first row of knitting, from knitting so as to form a bridge at said first needle, and transfer of the loop that is formed by said second needle and belongs to said second row of knitting to a third needle that is contiguous to said second needle, freeing of said second needle as well, and repeating operation for transferring a loop to a needle that is contiguous to the one that received the loop of the preceding row for a preset number of rows, freeing in each instance a needle, while the needles freed by the transfer of the loop in a preceding row are excluded from knitting during a formation of a preset number of rows of knitting, the needles excluded from the knitting of said preset number of rows resuming knitting by formation a new row of knitting after said preset number of rows of knitting.~~

18. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, comprising actuation, when knitting with needles freed by the transfer of the loop resumes, of at least one of said freed needles to form a tuck stitch.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, comprising actuation of the needles freed by the transfer of the loop to resume knitting by forming new loops in the formation of successive different rows of knitting.

20. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 17, comprising knitting of regions adjacent to said holes with plain stitches.

21. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 12 performed with a machine that allows to transfer a loop from one needle to a contiguous needle.

22. (Previously presented) An open-knit article obtained according to the method of claim 12.